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LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUP MEETS HERE

Thirty two members of the Alameda County sheriff's Office Employees Association met at Niles Wednesday evening and greatly enjoyed the first annual banquet which was served at the Florence restaurant. After disposing of the good chicken dinner, Under Sheriff H. M. Springer of Alvarado, acting as toastmaster, called upon practically everyone present for short talks. Sheriff Burton F. Becker lead the list. Sheriff Becker reviewed the progress made during the past year, outlined the general plans for the future and paid high tribute to the heads of the various departments and to the deputies in all branches, for the co-operation and faithful service they have given. He announced that the first of the new Sheriff's office badges had been received. The new badge has a special gold and enamel design, is in the shape of a seven pointed star and will be worn only by the paid employees of the sheriff's office. The badge was passed around for inspection and was unanimously approved because of its attractive appearance. Each member will receive one within the next few days.

Sheriff Becker also announced that if present plans materialize, he hopes to establish a branch of the sheriff's office in Niles. He recently returned from the Los Angeles territory where the branch office system has been tried out and has proven satisfactory. Because of the strategic location of Niles in this part of the county, he considered this a favorable location for the inauguration of the new system here.

Difficulties and successes of the past year were discussed by department heads and information exchanged on crime, jailing, handling of prisoners, prohibition enforcement and keeping of records. Although handicapped by the lack of necessary funds in many cases and needing much new equipment, some progress was noted for the past year. Several new type of "tanks" or cells for dangerous criminals have been installed and have proven very satisfactory. Progress has been made in keeping narcotics from being smuggled in to prisoners. Other recent innovations are gas "billies" and tear gas bombs which the officers keep for emergency use. Other high spots were episodes of criminal capture and raids and the discussion of humane treatment of prisoners in the county jail. It has recently been made possible for those who are sick in the hospital, to have a few small comforts, such as bed linens in place of the regulation prison blankets.

A friendly, give and take, spirit prevailed and the entire group seemed to display enthusiasm and a desire to make law enforcement throughout the county more effective during 1928.

FIREMEN ENJOY NEW YEAR'S BALL

The New Year's Ball given by the Niles Fire Department was a great success, if the size of the crowd and the length of time the affair lasted are indications of a good time. About thirty couples were in attendance and a fine time is reported.

IRVINGTON

The Irvington Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Business Men's Lunch on Monday, January 9, at the noon hour. The meeting promises to be interesting one as the Oakland Chamber of Commerce has been invited to send down a luncheon speaker who has been invited to speak on town development. The date of the monthly meeting has been changed to the second Monday of the month as this is believed to be the most suitable date for the business men of the town.

Mr and Mrs H. F. Weston of Irvington spent a part of the holiday season with friends in Oakland.

CITIZENS WATER CO. HAS VERY GOOD YEAR

The annual Stockholders' meeting of the Citizens Water Co. was held at the office of Jones and 9911sworth Wednesday afternoon. Mr E A Ellsworth, Sec'y, reported that the year had been a successful one for the company and generally satisfactory. Officers were re-elected as follows; F. V. Jones, president; Wm. Eberly, Vice. Pres.; E. A. Ellsworth, Sec'y and manager. Following the meeting, the board of directors met and voted to install a supply tank and some heavier water mains in Decoto. The construction of these improvements is subject to the approval of the State Railway and Highway commissioners.

HADAD STARTS SALE SOON

M. Hadad of Niles is advertising a big January Clearance sale. Mr. Hadad has an exceptionally large stock of goods and can offer them at lower prices than many of the city stores. The sale starts Monday January 9.

Bernard Ryan of Sacramento sustained severe injuries to his left wrist Friday afternoon while working at the Associated Gravel Plant at Niles. A large and very heavy chisel some distance above his head slipped and fell and would probably have killed the man but a fellow friend with a miniature stage model upon which he has worked out various lighting effects. Always interested in stagecraft, he began work on this model at his home when he was a small boy and has improved it steadily during his high school and college career. The miniature stage is equipped similar to that used in legitimate theatre productions and with it, he produces many unique and wonderful scenic effects. Workman's call to "Watch Out" came in time to cause him to turn his head and the heavy tool fell on his wrist entirely severing the ligaments. He was given treatment at Dr. Law's Emergency Hospital and was able to return to his home in Sacramento.

SMALL FIRE IN NILES I. O. O. F. HALL

About ten o'clock on Monday evening the Niles Fire Department was called to put out a fire in the I. O. O. F. building. The fire was discovered by lodge men who happened to be in the Odd Fellows hall. It was located in the rooms at the rear of the Farrington Electrical shop and although the origin is unknown it is thought likely that it started from a spark left in some ashes. It was quickly put out and did little damage.

IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH WILL HOLD SPECIAL SERVICE

The Irvington Community church will have a special service on Sunday evening, January the 15th when a party of young people from San Jose will be the guests of the church. Besides several musical numbers the young people are bringing an attractive speaker, Mr. Roy Brokenshire, who will give the address of the evening.

Mrs. Helen Threlfall is at present confined to her home on account of a bad cold.

The Irvington Boy Scouts enjoyed a hike to Mission Peak on Monday. They report having what was for most of them the novel experience of hiking through the overhanging clouds.

A party is being arranged by the young people of the Irvington Community Sunday school on behalf of the young people of the Decoto Christian Endeavor. The Anderson gymnasium has been secured for the occasion through the kindness of Miss Ethel Anderson. The date will be Friday evening, January the 27th. A delightful lunch was served ofable party last Friday evening under the direction of Miss Lucile Breiner. Original and amusing games formed the major portion of the entertainment and afterwards a splendid table with delicious coffee and eats was spread before the guests. About thirty were present.

NEWARK C. OF C. RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

The Newark Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening and re-elected the following officers: President, Arthur Biddle, Vice-President, Louis Ruschin; Secretary, Frank Viet; Treasurer, M. D. Silva

The board of Fire Commissioners approved a plan to take up the compensation of firemen with the state department. The Bluebird Club sent a check for \$5 to the firemen in recognition of their assistance at the Christmas party given for poor children by the Bluebird Club. This check was promptly returned as the firemen felt the work of the Bluebird club was worthy of any assistance they could have rendered and they did not wish material remuneration.

LEGION PLANS FOR NEW YEAR

The first meeting of the Washington Township Post American Legion for 1928, will be held at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Niles, next Tuesday evening. Plans will be discussed for Legion activities the coming year.

CENTERVILLE

Mr. and Mrs A. M. Berlander from the southern part of the state, have been visiting friends. Mrs Berlander was well known as Mill Beatrice Lernhart. They have two lovely little daughters.

Mr and Mrs Henri Salz gave a most enjoyable party for their son Robert on Friday evening. Mrs Salz is a delightful hostess and kept the young people entertained with amusing games. Several were fortunate in winning prizes. About a dozen were present and all were chaperoned by interested parties, who enjoyed it as much as the younger people. Refreshments were enjoyed and all voted it an evening to long be remembered.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Emerson returned last week. They were entertained on Saturday evening by Mr and Mrs George Emerson. On New Year's they went to relatives in Alameda. While their trip was one of pleasure, the getting home is always the best part.

Mr and Mrs G. Emerson recently entertained the Neighborhood Club, inviting two extra tables. They spent New Year's day with Miss L. Emerson.

The C. Graham's, Mr and Mrs F. Bishop and wife, and Mr and Mrs E. Stevenson, went to Los Angeles to see the game.

The Dusterberry family spent the day with Niles relatives.

Mrs F. O. Bunting entertained seventeen relatives.

Mr and Mrs Geo. Bonde and junior were guests at a New Year's eve party given by Sam Francisco friends. They remained in the city over Sunday visiting relatives.

Dr. and Mrs Chas. H. Law, Mr. and Mrs L. J. Duffy of Niles, Mr and Mrs R. A. Blacow of Centerville and Mr and Mrs F. M. Drew of Sunnyvale enjoyed a New Year's eve party at the Hotel Leamington at Oakland.

Dr. and Mrs. McWhirter entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton at dinner at the St. Claire Hotel Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs J. Gieb and sons, George and James, spent the New Year with relatives in San Francisco.

ED ROSE PURCHASES VICTORY PLANT MACHINERY

This week the last chapter in the history of the Victory Manufacturing Company is being written. With the exception of some lathes and special machinery, Ed Rose purchased the major portion of the plant and is moving some of the machinery for use in his garage and selling useless material for junk. The cranes and foundry will be left in the building in the hope that whoever purchases the property may be able to use them.

TOWNSHIP SHOWS PROGRESS IN 1927

While the year 1927 has not been a "boom" year here, Washington Township has shown a steady, healthy growth and progress. There are a number of ways of estimating prosperity and from every angle the Township shows up to advantage. One of the substantial indications of prosperity in any community is the growth of bank deposits. The statement of the Bank of Alameda county shows an increase of nearly four hundred thousand dollars in deposits from January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928. As the bank operates in Alvarado, Niles and Irvington, this is a fair index of the prosperity of the township.

From the standpoint of agriculture the value and quality of agricultural products here may be judged by the fact that this is one of the best agricultural sections of Alameda County, and the value of agricultural products of Alameda county was so high that it ranked with the first ten counties in the whole United States last year.

A considerable amount of money has been invested in new buildings throughout the community, some specific examples are as follows: at Niles, the new thirty thousand dollar library building heads the list. Attractive modern homes have been built by the following; Marston Dassel; Judge J. A. Silva, Frank Duarte, Ray Peterson, John S. Duarte, Henry Enos, and the Hansen Lumber Co. is now constructing a cottage near the lumber yard. Creed Dominici is erecting a new building to be used as a machine shop, south of the Odd Fellows Hall, and Wm. H. Ford is building an addition to his gravel plant. A considerable amount of money has also been invested in the Corporation Yard which is being constructed by the county.

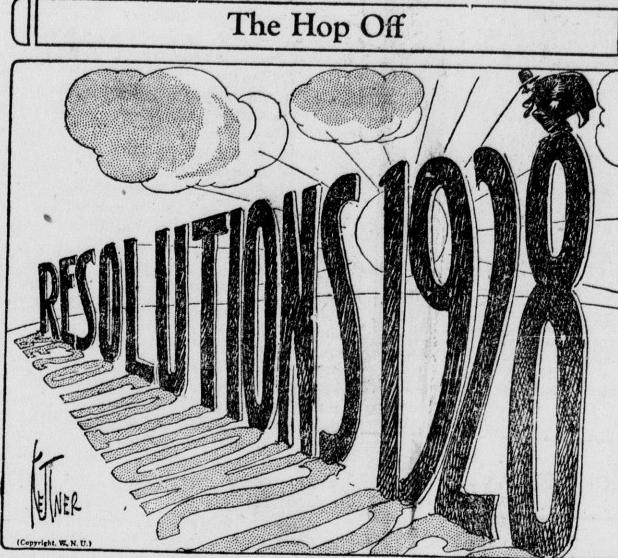
At Decoto new homes have been built by Jess Perry, Mrs E. Bettencourt, George Fields and H. E. Peacock. Henry May also rebuilt his home so that it is practically new. Joe D. Luiz and Andrade Bros. have also built new homes on the Decoto-Centerville road.

At Centerville, the New Ford Garage, the Broken Drum, the Centerville Lumber Yard, and Foster and Naylor service station are very attractive and valuable additions to the business section. The Booth Cannery has also built a sizeable addition and is adding another at the present time. New houses have been erected by various people as follows; Dr. Holman, Mrs. Viola Ames, Joe Lewis, George Rodriguez, Fortado Bros., Manuel Oliveria, Joe Orlando, J. E. Bettencourt, and Joe Andrade. The Hansen Lumber Co. is building three new cottages at the present time.

At Irvington the Hansen Lumber Co. is building one new cottage, and Lawrence Millard has erected a handsome English style home on his walnut orchard. The S. P. R. R. also built a new packing house.

At Alvarado, the School auditorium and manual training departments were finished, Anton Santos is building an oil station, improvements were made in the interior of St. Anne's Church, John Gomes and J. Silva remodeled the hotel and built a show house, Henry Hendrikson built his home and a cottage for rental purposes, and homes were built by John Fyffe, Wm. Avila, Mat Machado, and Ted Harvey. J. Cosso, J. H. Raph, Boyd and Baird, J. S. Rose, Mrs. Mary Austen and V. E. Nahara, have made additions and improvements in business houses and apartments.

In the Newark vicinity about forty new homes have been built, a number of them on Otto Zorn's addition. Two large beautiful homes have been erected on land purchased from Sam Metzgar at Mission San Jose. Another evidence of progress is the completion of several road projects, the Mission-Irvington highway, Niles canyon road and the new paving in the vicinity of Centerville, Alvarado and Decoto, being notable.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Jan. 6, Talahai Campfire Girls meet at guardian's home.
- Jan. 7, Alvarado Dramatic Club dance.
- Jan. 10, P. T. A. Niles Grammar School, 2. 30.
- Jan. 12, East Bay Girl's Circle, Mrs C. A. Martinstein, 2 p. m.
- Jan. 14, Dedication of new Niles Library, 2 P. M.
- Jan. 16, Toyon branch Hospital Ass'n Mrs J. A. Bunting, San Jose.
- February 13, S P R S I. Whist party, I. O. O. F. Hall, Irvington

OAKLAND SINGERS ENTERTAIN COUNTRY CLUB

NILES P. T. A. WILL MEET TUESDAY

A group of singers from the Altamere Club of Oakland presented musical numbers at the January meeting of the Country Club held at the club house on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. E. H. Thompson of Oakland had charge of the program and Miss Cora Fruler was chosen director. Mrs. Stahly was accompanist and Mrs. Dorsett was one of the soloists. Italian and Chinese songs and some old fashioned numbers were offered and several solo and duet numbers were given. The program was universally enjoyed. Mrs. Roland Bendel, president of the club spoke of the County Federation meeting which will be held at the Altamere Club, January 26. She also referred to the first annual institute of international relations to be sponsored by the California Federation of Women's clubs. This institute will be held in Berkeley on March 6th to 8th.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames H. Cushing, E. E. Carroll, O. N. Hirsch and R. A. Griffin.

TOYON BRANCH TO MEET JANUARY 16

The Toyon Branch of the baby hospital association is scheduled to hold its next meeting with Mrs. J. A. Bunting of San Jose on January 16th.

WILL HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION

The Niles and Alvarado I. O. O. F. lodges will hold a joint installation at Niles January 16. Recently elected officers of the Niles lodge are, Noble Grand, Gus Swanson; Vice grand, C. S. Studebaker; Secy. P. A. Ellis and Warden, Hans Swanson.

J. R. BLACOW, Secretary.

Dated December 21, 1927

Announcement

The dedication ceremonies for the beautiful new Memorial Library given to the town of Niles, will take place January 14th at 2 P. M. on the grounds. The building is the gift from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ford to the town of Niles in memory of Mrs. Ford's mother, Mrs. Jane R. Clough. The services will be conducted under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Masons. Chas. R. Wallenburg, acting Grand Master officiating, assisted by Mr. M. J. Overacker, Master of the local lodge.

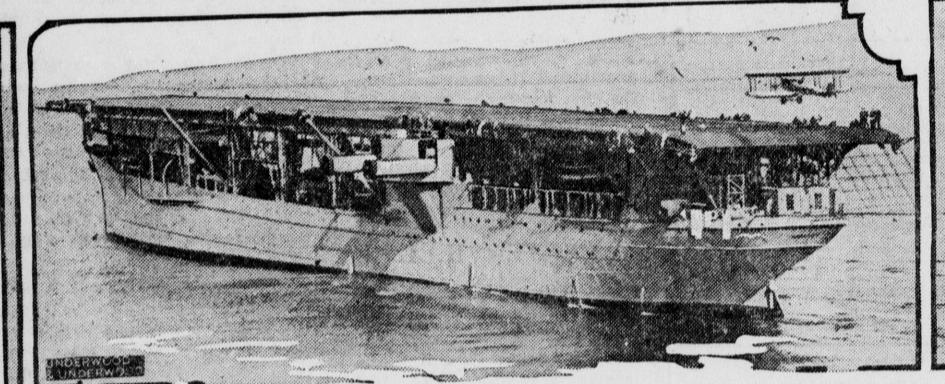
The Library Association will also have a very short presentation exercise under the auspices of the board of trustees. The affair promises to be most impressive and interesting. The townspeople, lodges, school and town organizations in all the towns of the township are invited to be present to enjoy and assist by their presence in making the day a "red letter day" in the township where libraries have long been centers of value.

Lindbergh Highly Honored by Mexican Congress



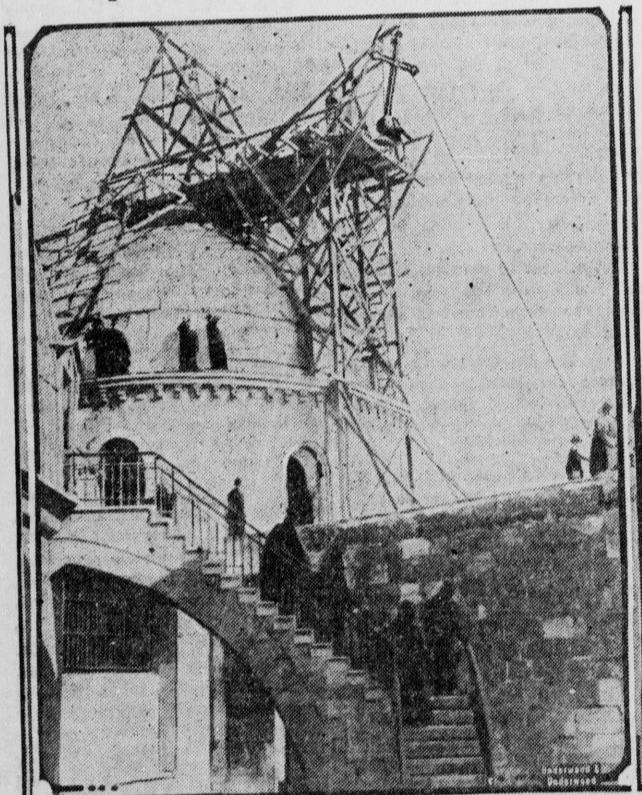
Colonel Lindbergh on the speaker's platform attending a special session of the Mexican congress convened in his honor. At his left is the president of the congress.

Plane Carrier Crippled by an Explosion



Aircraft carrier Langley which was made unseaworthy by an explosion amidships as she lay in the harbor at San Diego, Calif. Large plates were torn off just above the water line by the blast. J. R. Ailsworth, chief carpenter mate, was killed and four others of the crew injured.

Repairing a Venerated Church



Last summer's earthquake in Palestine seriously damaged the venerated Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and in making repairs it was necessary to take down the large cross from the dome. The photograph shows this work in progress.

Governor's Enemy and Secretary



E. P. Hill, speaker of the house of Oklahoma's legislature, leader of the movement to impeach Gov. Henry S. Johnston; and Mrs. O. O. Hammond, confidential secretary of the governor, who is involved in the charges against the executive.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

Companies operating passenger stage lines in California must file reports of all accidents in which persons are injured with the State railroad commission, the commission ruled in a general order issued at San Francisco last week. The order will go into effect January 15.

Arrangements for erection of a \$1,000,000 Orpheum theatre on J street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, Sacramento, were said to be completed last week following negotiations between representatives of the Orpheum circuit in Chicago and Sacramento business interests last week. Albert Lansburgh, San Francisco architect, is said to have completed preliminary plans for the building.

Work in improving Kern county's new airport at Bakersfield will be started immediately. Bids for the construction of hangars and a machine shop at the airport were received last week by the board of supervisors. The low bidder was the Western Pipe and Steel company, offering to construct the hangars and machine shop for \$17,600, equipped with concrete floors, or for \$14,600 without concrete floors. The supervisors chose the \$14,600 bid and awarded it.

A steady increase in commitments to California's state hospitals and homes for the feeble-minded was reported last week at the offices of the State department of institutions. Indications are that this year's commitments will set a new high mark, with an estimated total of 4,800. Up to December 1st, commitments had totaled 4,407. In 1923, a total of 4,112 persons were committed to state institutions; in 1924, 4,293; 1925, 4,482; and 1926, 4,547.

Sufficient borax to supply the world for twenty-five years has been blocked out in explorations of the Kern county deposits northeast of Kramer on the Mojave Desert, according to data supplied at the mineral conference in Los Angeles last week, said L. B. Nourse of the Kern County Chamber of Commerce in detailing his observations at the meet. Reports as to the borax deposits were made by the State mining bureau representatives and also by Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad representatives.

The statisticians of the United States Census Bureau, who every now and then sit down at their desks in Washington, D. C., take their pencils in hand and proceed to figure out by arithmetic the population of various cities in the country, announced last week that San Francisco has 575,000 people. This estimate was in striking contradiction of other recent estimates by recognized authorities.

A campaign to renew all existing co-operative contracts and secure new ones with the various counties of the state for the protection of forested areas will be launched immediately after the first of the year by the state board of forestry. W. B. Rider, deputy state forester, announced last week that the campaign would open on January 4th with a meeting at Redding with the Shasta County Board of Supervisors. At that meeting Shasta County will be asked to sign a co-operative contract to pay \$2,500 next year toward the expense of maintaining a state ranger in the county. The request will be made by State Forester M. B. Pratt.

Construction of the new \$350,000 students' hospital on the Berkeley campus will begin immediately after the new year, according to an announcement made last week by supervising architect George W. Kelham. Arthur N. Brown of San Francisco has been appointed architect in charge of the work, which will be speeded up for completion by the spring of 1929. The new infirmary will be built on the east side of College avenue, across from the present building, which will be demolished as soon as the new structure is completed. It will contain between 90 and 110 beds, with an adequate dispensary, and will be provided with modern equipment.

Stage operators who are members of the Motor Carriers' Association of California made a "Christmas present" of more than half a million dollars to the State of California last week according to an announcement by Ray L. Riley, state controller. This amount, representing disputed taxes under the Duval acts of 1923 and 1925, has been paid by the motor carriers rather than subject the State government to the necessity of filing numerous individual suits for collection. The Duval acts, fixing a tax of four per cent on the gross earnings of certain classes of commercial highway users, was attacked in the courts. The United States Supreme Court finally upheld the act.

Legislation requiring special qualifications in all persons seeking appointment as probation officers in this State will be requested of the Legislature in 1929 by Mrs. Anna L. Saylor, state director of social welfare. She announced last week. Mrs. Saylor charged that the probation officers now holding office throughout the State include former bartenders, saloon-keepers and others with little or no training in the problems of social welfare work. While some are excellent officers, she said, many are not.

BLIND SCOUT



Our photograph shows David McDaniel, fifteen-year-old inmate of the Illinois School for the Blind at Jacksonville, who was born without vision. He received his first instruction in woodcraft when a very small child and is now able to name correctly twenty-one varieties of trees after simply touching the bark, leaves or fruit. He early enrolled in the Boy Scout organization and has taken up nature study as a specialty.

HE DOESN'T LOOK IT



This is George Knap, who has been called the most extraordinary man in the world. He is an official in the French reconstruction ministry and has eight trades, being an expert in every one of them. Among other things he is a consulting engineer, electrician, architect, botanist, physician, astronomer and a successful opera composer.

Residents of Van Nuys are asking for an appropriation of \$300,000 for the building of a civic center to include a new city hall, police station and jail, and a receiving hospital branch. Van Nuys is headquarters in municipal affairs for all that part of San Fernando Valley annexed to Los Angeles city.

It cost Yolo County \$22,922.22 to support its county hospital and farm during the fiscal year ending June 30th. This is according to the annual financial report of County Auditor Fred Porter, just rendered the Yolo county board of supervisors.

Representatives of the oil industry and members of Governor C. C. Young's commission to seek curtailment of the present gas wasteage in California oil fields will meet in San Francisco, January 5, to give further consideration to the problems. An agreement under which gas conservation may be effected is hoped for at this conference, according to members of the State commission.

A survey of the laws of California and legal revisions attempted in other States is being made by Fred B. Wood, chief of the State Legislature Counsel Bureau, in preparing a report for the next Legislature on advisability of undertaking a codification of all statutes. The measure directing this study was sponsored by Assemblyman Z. S. Leymel of Fresno.

J. M. Friedlander, commissioner of corporations, has written Edwin B. Cassidy, a Los Angeles certified public accountant, a decision in which he states that only trust companies, banks and similar institutions should be approved as registrars in California.

Cassidy had requested the commissioner to authorize the appointment of certified public accountants as registrars in this State. "It is obvious to us," said Friedlander in part, "in the light we see it, that the method of having trust companies, banks or those others organized to do a business in this State in conformity with the laws that apply to trust companies, is more practical and is best calculated and designed to give the public the protection that it is entitled to in the regulation of dealing in securities."

Automobile license plates for nearly a half million motorists will be placed in the mails by the end of this week by the division of motor vehicles. Through an arrangement with the postal authorities, the division postponed the mailing of plates until after Christmas in order to avoid clogging the mails during the holiday rush. The plates are being forwarded, together with the white certificates of registration to the addressees given by the applicants.

The proposed terminus of one projected bridge was changed from San Pablo to Albany last week when T. A. Tomasina withdrew his plea at a meeting of the Contra Costa county supervisors for permission to build the bridge. Tomasina now plans to build a bridge from Albany in Alameda county to Bluff Point on the Marin county shore.

The Albany survey was preferred because the builder wishes to reach as nearly as possible the center of population of East Bay communities. The bridge will cost \$20,000,000, Tomasina estimates, and will be a fill and spans combined 34,250 feet long.

Fishing and hunting licenses will go up in price on January 2nd. This is according to the National Automobile Club. As a result of the law adopted at the last session of the legislature, hunters and anglers will pay \$2 each for permits to hunt or fish, starting with the New Year.

Savings of \$10,408.75 have been made by 7000 children in San Diego city schools since September, according to a report last week issued by C. A. Nyhus, head of the school bank system. The school bank system is a member of the San Diego Clearinghouse Association and has funds guaranteed by all San Diego banks. Two years ago this method was innovated by Will Angier, and to date the children of San Diego have banked over \$140,000.

Tahoe Transportation Company has been granted a certificate by the railroad commission to operate auto stage service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Tahoe City and Brockway and intermediate points and between Tahoe City and Lakeside and Fallen Leaf Lake and intermediate points, and also to operate auto truck service for the transportation of freight and express between the same points, and to consolidate such operation with its present service as a unified system.

California's automobile death toll has been steadily increasing for the last six years, and the total number of deaths from motor vehicle accidents this year will probably shatter all records. This conclusion was drawn last week from official records of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics showing that automobile deaths for the first nine months of 1927 aggregate 1,224, 139 more than all the victims of highway accidents in 1922.

The State government has invested \$18,049,834.84 in farms and homes for former service men in the last six years, it was announced last week in a report issued by George M. Stout, secretary of the State Veterans' Welfare Board. Funds from sale of veterans' bonds, to be retired as the former service men pay for the property, have been used to purchase 3,624 homes and 211 farms, Stout said. Farm and home purchases in the three leading counties total as follows: Los Angeles, \$6,272,180; Alameda, \$2,959,515; San Francisco, \$1,850,475.

Only One-Eyed Creature

The only one-eyed animal in existence is the cyclops, a genus of small fresh-water crustacean. They are popularly included under the wide title of "water fleas." Various species are common as active swimmers in fresh-water pools, or slow-flowing brooks and a few forms have been recorded from the sea. A very marked feature to which the name refers is the single radium eye, usually bright crimson and sparkling like a gem.—Washington Star.

Then What Did He Get?

Three-year-old James cared not a little for the freshly baked cakes which his mother was taking from the oven. "The little one is yours, Jimmy," she said, as she hurried to answer a telephone call. When she returned to the kitchen her dismay was evident when she said, "Why, James, what has happened to my cake?" "It was too long. I broke off the end for you, mother," was his answer.—Indianapolis News.

How Crops Are Hastened

Lettuce was ready for market in March from an outdoor garden in Sweden this year, a result of heating the soil with electricity. That the product may be matured earlier is considered a probability and further tests are planned. A main object is to obtain a ground temperature which will correspond to the comparatively high air temperature in spring says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Long-Life Trees

The white oak, button-wood, white pine and hemlock are long-lived trees, says the American Tree association, and the poplars, willows, some cherries, and a few oaks are short-lived. Some of the sequoias of California exceed the 3,000-year mark, and the big cypress tree of Tule, growing in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, has been estimated from 4,500 to 5,000 years.

Period of Growth

Not all trees begin to grow at the same time. Some begin early in spring, while others delay starting their growth until late April or early May, says the American Tree association. The wild black cherry starts about the first of April, while the tulip tree or yellow poplar does not begin until late in April, and the Norway spruce waits until early in May.

No Royal Road

"The hardest way is almost invariably the best way," said Thomas A. Edison; and he went on to declare that whenever he achieved a result quickly and easily he always distrusted it and proceeded to test it by a different and more difficult method. The road to the heights must be steep and toilsome.—Youth's Companion.

No Free-Will Offering

Little Douglas came over to our house with his mother. My mother had made cookies and put frosting on them but hadn't put them away yet. He asked for one. His mother said: "Did you thank the lady?" His astonishing reply was: "She didn't give it to me; I asked for it."—Youth's Companion.

Village Has Long Name

There is a place in Wales known as Llanfair P. G. The spelling usually given is Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch. It signifies: "Church of St. Mary, in hollow of white hazel, near a rapid whirlpool and near St. Tysilio's church, which is near a red cave."

Musical Discovery

James Ballanta, a negro, born in Africa, trained in the University of Edinburgh and, by scholarship, in the New York Conservatory of Music, discovered through research that the African octave contains 17 tones, whereas the European octave contains only 12.

SHE WENT FROM BAD TO WORSE

Down to 98 Pounds—Finally Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Cleveland, Ohio.—"After having my first baby, I lost weight, no matter what I did. Then a doctor told me I would be better if I had another baby, which I did. But I got worse, was always sickly and went down to 98 pounds. My neighbor told me about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it helped her very much, so I tried it. After taking four bottles, I weigh 116 pounds. It has just done wonders for me and I can do my housework now without one bit of trouble." —Mrs. M. Riesinger, 1004 Nelson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

If some good fairy should appear and offer to grant your heart's desire, what would you choose? Wealth? Happiness?

Health? That's the best gift. Health is riches that gold cannot buy and surely health is cause enough for happiness.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound may be the good fairy who offers you better health.

OUR COMIC SECTION

An Awful Mess



THE FEATHERHEADS



FINNEY OF THE FORCE



California Ranch News

Illustration by W. N. U.

Approximately 8 per cent of the 1927 rice crop still is unharvested, the Rice Growers' Association of California reported last week at Sacramento. Thus far the season's production has totaled 3,901,020 bags. It also is estimated that of the rice threshed, 1,000,000 bags will show more or less damage because of weather conditions prevailing at the time of threshing.

Plans for dairy expansion in Ventura county were discussed at a recent meeting of the county farm bureau dairy department. In 1928 cow testing year starts on January 1, and plans are being outlined whereby a more complete service can be rendered for all dairymen in the county.

Possibility that ranchers' feed bills for cattle may be greatly reduced was seen in an announcement made recently by S. W. Mead and H. R. Guibert of the animal husbandry department at University of California. Mead and Guibert have just completed a successful experiment during which they fed dried lemon, pineapple, orange and olive pulp to cattle and swine. The pulp is turned out as waste in large quantities by canneries and has been in use for several months as cattle food at the University of Hawaii and has proven satisfactory rations.

The 1927 citrus crop of the upper San Gabriel Valley sold at approximately \$7,000,000 which growers and shippers state is the largest local return in the history of the citrus industry. Although the Valencia oranges were unusually small the return was the greatest ever received. The combined cash returns of the associations of the Covina district marketing through the California Fruit Growers' Exchange were \$5,998,399. The figures furnished by these associations are f.o.b. the packing and selling charges not having been deducted.

The last car of feeder cattle for the season is believed to have been brought into Imperial valley on December 9. In all, 28,672 sheep, and 25,680 head of feeder cattle have been brought into the valley for winter feeding. The first of the fall shipments will probably be fat enough for market this week. The cattle brought in last spring have all gone out in splendid shape to the markets.

Much has been said about California Stamp, the crossbred, barley-fed University of California steer, that won grand championship honors at the recent International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago, but very little has been heard about the other winnings made by university entries. In addition to the steer grand championship, the California institution won as follows in sheep classes; first and reserve champion Southdown lamb; first on pen of Southdown lambs; second on grade lamb; second on pen of grade lambs; fourth on Shropshire lamb; second on Hampshire lamb; and second on pen of Rambouillet lambs. In hogs, the university won third on pen in the Duroc Jersey classes.

When all the crops of the present year in Orange county have been harvested, growers will have received a total of nearly \$41,000,000, according to the annual report of the agricultural extension service, under the direction of H. E. Wahlberg, farm adviser. The citrus and walnut income alone will total \$34,000,000. A summary of estimated crop valuations for 1927 included the following: Oranges, \$27,000,000; lemons, \$2,250,000; lime beans, \$2,000,000; blackeye beans, \$250,000; miscellaneous fruits, avocados, persimmons, apples, \$500,000; sugar beets, \$250,000; grain and hay, \$900,000; peppers and pimientos, \$750,000; truck crops, tomatoes, cabbage, sweet potatoes, celery, \$1,250,000; poultry products, \$750,000; dairy products, \$1,750,000; cattle \$700,000; total, f.o.b. agricultural value, \$41,950,000.

Agricultural club membership in the five southern counties of the San Joaquin Valley increased by 60 per cent over the preceding year, according to figures compiled by W. R. Ralston, agricultural club leader in the central portions of the State. About one-fifth of the total California club membership is in Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties and membership in the five counties has now reached the record total of 1500. This growth is also typical of club work in the State. In 1926 membership increased 50 percent over year previous.

The spinach season is now in full blast in the El Monte district. The El Monte Canning Company now being in operation with a crew of more than sixty employees. More than 800 acres near El Monte are devoted to the growing of this cafeteria favorite. Prices range around \$25 a ton, which brings the total income to \$20,000. The El Monte Canning Company expects to ship about 45,000 cases to eastern markets. The price is about the same as last year, but the crop both in quantity and quality is slightly above the average.

Although the apple hasn't been making a lot of noise, still California's apple crop is three times the size of its crops of almonds, or of cherries, or of shipping plums. It exceeds the pear crop by a million and a half dollars, and is almost as large as the apricot crop. During the past eight years the apple crop has twice reached a value of over \$10,000,000.

To increase the use of low-grade or late picked grapes in the manufacture of products made from grape juice, the California Vineyards Association has decided to organize a grape products division. Manager Donald C. Conn has stated that an overproduction of grapes in California should not be admitted until every avenue through which grapes can be disposed of has been tried and duly expanded. The association's intention, says Mr. Conn, is to keep all but the very best grapes off the eastern market, the less desirable ones being kept at home to be consumed in products in which grapes are an ingredient.

Growers affiliated with the McPherson Heights Citrus Association in Orange county received checks last week totaling approximately \$90,000 as final payment for the fifth Valencia pool of the association, according to C. W. Post, plant manager. Post stated that the checks were forwarded in time for Christmas shopping. The checks were the final payment on the fifth pool which totaled nearly \$170,000.

A systematic campaign to compel labor camp owners on vineyards and ranches in Fresno county to provide sanitary housing for labor will begin January 1, Dr. G. L. Long, county health officer, announced last week. Long said he was beginning the campaign early so that such camps will be ready for the fruit season and the next cotton picking season. Where tents are used, Long said he found a usual violation of the state housing law in that no wooden platforms in the tents are provided. One of the effects of the campaign, he said, would be the proper reconstruction of these tent houses.

Orange county led the entire State in the rate and valuation of agricultural production in 1927, according to Farm Adviser Harold Wahlberg, in addressing the Anaheim Kiwanis Club at Anaheim. Wahlberg further asserted that the county led 2500 counties in the United States in the value and ratio of production per acre in the year just about to close. Conservation of water is the most important problem now confronting Orange county, he said, and he pointed out the danger to future growth if proper steps are not taken to provide an adequate water supply for irrigation purposes.

A yield of at least 75 to 80 per cent of the record-breaking crop of 1927 will be harvested by Valencia orange growers in Northern Orange county next year, in the opinion of George C. Crawford, assistant manager of the Northern Orange County Citrus Exchange. The oranges are beginning to size and color up nicely, he said. The exchange houses in this section shipped a total of 5322 cars of Valencias in 1927, Crawford said, and if his prediction is correct, about 4300 cars will be shipped from the crop that is now on the trees. Adding the cars to be shipped by independent packers, Crawford says the 1928 Valencia crop should be approximately 5700 cars.

Approximately \$1,650,000 of new wealth will flow into Merced county this season, as the result of the sudden and tremendous development of the rice industry. Two years ago there was no rice grown in the county. The industry resulted from an inquiry by a rice grower of the Sacramento Valley who applied to the Merced county Chamber of Commerce in regard to possible rice land in the district. He was told that there was no land suitable for the purpose. Shortly thereafter in 1926, the Crocker-Huffman Land and Water Company spent \$50,000 in experimenting with a rice crop on 750 acres southwest of Merced. The crop from this acreage averaged fifty-three one hundred pound sacks to the acre, which sold to yield \$150 an acre.

Checks are being mailed to pomegranate grower members of the Rosecrest Fruit Exchange of Porterville, of which Wiley D. Ambrose is manager. Net returns to growers amount to about 2 cents per pound, or \$40 per ton, this being the highest average received for four or five years. The short crop this season is held responsible for this condition. Last year 200 cars were shipped from Tulare county, while this year shipments amounted to about seventy cars.

A tabulation of all the capri fig trees in the State is being made by the county horticultural commissioners, assisted by fig growers, under the direction of the California State Department of Agriculture. The effort is being put forth in connection with a State-wide campaign for the control of the fig disease known as internal rot or endosporosis. Those having the trees are requested to help in the work by communicating with the horticultural commissioners of the counties in which they may live.

The DAIRY

PURE-BRED BULLS VARY VERY MUCH

Figures recently compiled from records of the cow-testing associations of New Jersey and from the United States bureau of dairy industry, where a study is made of association records from all parts of the United States, indicate that a wide variation exists in the transmitting ability of pure-bred dairy bulls for milk production and butterfat test, announces the college of agriculture at New Brunswick.

Records show that of pure-bred dairy bulls, one-third increase herd production, one-third barely maintain it, and the other third lower it. In other words, the college explains, only one pure-bred sire out of three is really desirable. This is not presented as an argument against the use of pure-bred sires, but as an argument in favor of more careful selection of dairy sires and the retention of those sires until their daughters come into production.

"Unfortunately," says the college, "nearly all bulls are butchered after reaching the age of three or four years. Dairymen are beginning to see that this is a mistake. In order to prevent inbreeding, plan is now being put into operation by a number of dairymen, whereby bulls are swapped after they are three years old. Two or three years later the animals are swapped back if the original owners want them. A bull having five daughters that excel their dams in production is known as a 'proved sire.'

The college asserts that it is now reasonably certain that if proved sires are used for five or six generations, a dairymen can develop a herd of cows, everyone of which will be a heavy milker. All their daughters will be high producers and all their sons will transmit great production.

Fodder Corn Makes Good Feed for a Dairy Cow

Fodder corn makes very good feed for dairy cows when a silo is not available. It is a better milk-producing feed than timothy hay. The amount of waste that may occur in feeding fodder corn will depend to a considerable extent on how it has been grown and cured. If it is grown quite thickly so that the stalks are fine, most of it will be consumed and especially during the forepart of the season when it contains considerable juice.

Where the stalks are coarse, there may be as much as even 20 or 30 per cent waste in stalks that are left uneaten. When run through a cutter, it is practically all consumed.

With a silo there is practically no waste if the silo has been properly filled, except what is taken off the top when the silo is first opened. The waste in silage based on the entire amount put into the silo need not exceed 5 per cent. Where the waste in fodder corn can be reduced to 10 per cent, it is very low.

Udder Diseases Caused by Germs Entering Teat

The last milk obtained from the udder at each milking is always the richest. Hence it is sound husbandry to collect it. Aside from its economic value, it is of hygienic importance.

Most udder diseases are caused by germs entering through the teat canal and the milk cistern. If milk is left in these passages or a drop of milk is permitted to remain on the tip of the teat the avenue for infection is left wide open. This is because milk is an excellent medium for germs to multiply in. They do so by the million, following the fluid to the interior of the udder, where they produce mischief. It is essential, therefore, to remove the last drop of milk obtainable.

Washing the teats after each milking is advisable to safeguard the highly developed udders of the better cows. It should be remembered that the better the udder, the more liable it is to infection, hence the precaution recommended.

Dairy Facts

Liberal feeding is one of the prime factors in profitable dairying.

Frozen silage should not be fed to dairy cattle, but left until it thaws out.

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One of the greatest sources of sour milk and low-grade dairy products is the unsterilized utensil.

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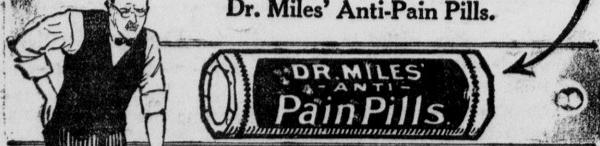
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Mrs J. R. Fontes who has been confined in bed by a severe attack of the flu for the past two weeks is now improving.

Mrs Pine, Mrs Lemos and son Richard saw Jack Russell at "The American" in San Jose on New Year's day.

Mr and Mrs P. A. Ellis of Niles and Mr and Mrs Lannes Sharman and Sonny of Centerville had New Year's dinner at the St. Claire Hotel of San Jose.

Miss May Vargus and her parents Mr and Mrs R. D. Vargus entertained about twenty-five friends and relatives at a delightful New Year's party. Mrs Alice Gabriel of Niles whose birthday comes at this season was a guest of honor.

Mr and Mrs. Geo. Gee of Marysville and Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Gee and baby of Oakland were holiday visitors at the H. B. Rathbun home.

Miss Mae Martinstein will entertain the little girls who are members of her Sunday School class and their teacher, Miss Sanford, at a luncheon and afternoon party Friday January 6th.

Repairs have been made in the Stockton Pass road detour between Mission San Jose and Sunol, so that the road is now passable, following damage by heavy rains last week.

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STUDY GROUP PROPOSED

It has been suggested by some members of the Church Family that, insofar as the Bible contains some of the finest of the world's literature and since there is such a variety of interpretations given the books of this volume, it would be both profitable and interesting to form a Bible Study Club for the consideration of these things. To this end a meeting is being called for this week Thursday at the Congregational church parlors at 8 p.m. when those present will decide upon a course of study which will be followed and make the other necessary arrangements. The invitation is extended to all who are interested in the study of the Bible to be present at the initial meeting, at which time the minister of the church will present a paper on "Amos, the Prophet."

Teachers Meet Thursday.

In conjunction with the first meeting of the Bible Study Club there will be a brief business meeting for the teachers of the Church school. All teachers are requested to be on hand at 7:30 so as not to encroach on the time of the Study Club.

Holidays Fewer in 1928.

During the past year most of the important holidays of the year came on week ends, Saturday Sunday or Monday.

The result was that many a one day holiday was extended to three.

This has greatly reduced the average attendance at all church services during 1927. During 1928 such holidays as Independence Day, Memorial Day, Christmas and Thanksgiving, will come nearer the middle of the week and we may expect more people at their homes over Sunday and consequently a larger average attendance at church.

Mr and Mrs. Hedemark of Oakland and Mr. Owen Swanson and Miss Margaret Kling were dinner guests at the Fred Nelson home Monday January 2nd.

Mr. T. E. Smathers of Ripon, who has been critically ill at the E. A. Ellsworth home since Christmas, is now thought to be safely on the road to recovery.

A. B. Swager of Oakland was held over to the Superior Court from Judge J. A. Silva's court Tuesday, on the charge of driving a car while intoxicated. Bail was placed at \$500. His companion, Geo. A. Beck, pleaded guilty to possession of liquor and paid the \$25.00 fine imposed.

DECOTO
Mr. Amaral and family spent the holidays with Mr. Higgins and family of San Francisco.

On Tuesday at the Grammar School Miss Berry, a new teacher, took over the fifth grade and Miss Rossi, former 5th grade teacher, is now teaching the second grade that was taught by Miss Entriken.

Mr. A. Amaral bagged the limit of ducks at Gustine last Saturday.

Last week, Miss Emma Savio who was visiting her aunt, returned to her home at San Luis Obispo.

Mrs. P. A. Swanson returned home Monday after spending a week with her sister in Oakland.

Mr. Benson has been ill during the past week

Mrs. Wm Hirsch and son are sick with pneumonia. They are under a doctor's and nurse's care.

On New years Eve Miss Sofia Swanson entertained a group of her friends at her home. At eleven o'clock light refreshments were served.

At the January 1st meeting of the C. E. the social hour was held first, and during this year no hilarious or active games are to be played and no refreshments are to be served on Sunday evening. The executive committee passed this resolution.

Once a month a four hour social will be given on a week day evening.

The schedule for Sunday evening that was adopted is as follows:

7 to 7:45 Social and Singing.

7:45 to 8:00 Business meeting;

8 to 9 Devotional Service.

The following officers were elected at the meeting:

President: Orville Blose; Secretary: Sophie Swanson; Treasurer: Ruby Bowers.

Following the business meeting Elizabeth Bowers lead the worship service, "The Fourfold Life," and gave the topic, "The Power of Prayer." A different program is planned for each meeting by the devotional committee.

The Mothers' Club met at the Community church today. They made a curtain for the large arch in the church. Mrs. Coupland served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Antone Luna and son spent the past week in Warm Springs. Elizabeth Bowers, Community Sunday school primary teacher and Miss L. Breiner entertained twelve of the primary class on Friday. After playing games, refreshments were served.

The following list of names should be included as those present at the surprise birthday party given in honor of Agnes Silva and reported last week: Nick Duarte, Albert Degarmark, Lawrence Rose, Henry Silva, Alvarado; Larry Bettencourt, Ray MacIntyre, St. Mary's College, Oakland; Manuel Souza, Newark; Manuel Cabell, Centerville; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bettencourt, Niles; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bettencourt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Peixotto, Mrs. Mary Martin, Centerville and Mrs. Addie Farla, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Silva of Detoto.

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YOUTH IS HELD FOR CAR THEFT

Montero Casci, 20, of San Francisco was arraigned before Judge J. A. Silva Tuesday, charged with the felony of stealing a car belonging to Wm. Cavanaugh of Niles. Accompanied by three other youths between 18 and 19 years of age and three girls, Casci had stolen a car in San Francisco and while driving toward Niles, skidded into a ditch on the highway near the Zwissig place. The Cavanaugh car was then taken and when found early Sunday morning was somewhat battered and one door was broken off. Casci took full responsibility for the theft of the Cavanaugh car and the other complaints were dismissed. Casci was held over for the Superior Court and bail fixed at \$500.00. County officers took him to Oakland. Charges are also being preferred for the theft of the San Francisco car.

SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTE
TO SEAL FUND

Mrs. J. E. Thane, chairman of the Christmas seal sale for Washington township reported that the gratifying sum of \$133.68 has been received from schools in the township for this worthy cause. This is the largest amount ever contributed by the schools and Mr. J. L. Bunker, who had charge of the advertising and the collection of the money in the schools is given much credit by the workers.

The contributions from the various schools are reported as follows:

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Bible Reached Conscience

After reading the Bible a burglar who broke into a house in Szilagysag, Rumania, returned his loot. A few days after the robbery the tenant of the house stumbled over a large bundle on his doorstep. On opening it he found everything that had been stolen, including his thumb-worn Bible. Attached to the book was a note which said: "I read this book and found in it the command, 'thou shalt not steal.' Therefore I am returning to you all that I recently stole from your house."

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Henry Green, who is spending his holiday vacation from the University of California, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mitte, on the Niles Mission road, has been entertaining his friends with a miniature stage model upon which he has worked out various lighting effects. Always interested in stagecraft, he began work on this model stage at his home when he was a small boy and has improved it steadily during his high school and college career. The miniature stage is equipped with scenery, and complete artificial lighting equipment similar to that used in legitimate theater productions, and with it, he produces many unique and wonderful scenic effects.

W. O. W. INSTALLS

NEW OFFICERS
The W. O. W. Lodge installed the following officers at the meeting held in Centerville Wednesday evening: Wm. R. Bond, Past Consul Commander; Allen G. Norris, Consul Commander; Leland De Quadros, Adviser Lieutenant; M. S. Almeda, Banker, and Elmer L. Omis, Escort.

Miss Estelle Hirsch and Mr. Lloyd Fournier accompanied a group of friends on a New Year's holiday trip to Yosemite National Park.

WASHINGTON U. H. S.

Mr and Mrs J. V. Gould returned from their honeymoon trip to Lake Shasta in the northern Sierras before the opening of school. Mrs Gould was formerly Miss Tillie Logan of Alvarado, teacher in the Decoto schools and Mr. Gould is a member of the high school faculty. They were married December 26th, and will live in the place recently purchased by Mr. Gould, on the Niles-Centerville road.

New classes have been organized for the coming semester, in Commercial Law, Occupations, and Economics.

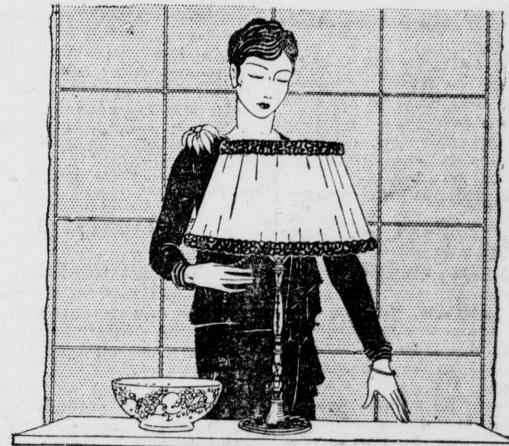
Mr Blacow is making arrangements for the Irvington Oriole club to stage a benefit play for the high school the later part of the month.

Isabelle Camara from Salinas and Lawrence Avila of Niles are new students

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CHAPTER X—Continued

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"What about Richard Fleming?" persisted the detective, scornfully.

The doctor drew himself up.

"I never killed him!" he said, so impressively that even Bailey's faith in his guilt was shaken. "I don't even own a revolver!"

The detective alone maintained his attitude unchanged.

"You come with me, Wells," he ordered, with a jerk of his thumb toward the door. "This time I'll do the locking up."

The doctor, head bowed, prepared to obey. The detective took up a candle to light their path. Then he turned to the others for a moment.

"Better get the young lady to bed," he said, with a gruff kindness of manner. "I think that I can promise you a quiet night from now on."

"I'm glad you think so, Mr. Anderson!" Miss Cornelia insisted on the last word. The detective ignored the satiric twist of her speech, motioned the doctor out ahead of him, and followed. The faint glow of his candle flickered a moment and vanished toward the stairs.

It was Bailey who broke the silence.

"I can believe a good bit about Wells," he said, "but not that he stood at that staircase and killed Dick Fleming."

Miss Cornelia roused from deep thought.

"Of course not," she said briskly. "Go down and fix Miss Dale's bed, Lizzie. And then bring up some of that elderberry wine."

"Down there, where the Bat is?" Lizzie demanded.

"The Bat has gone."

"Don't you believe it. He's just got his hand in!"

But at last Lizzie went, and closing the door behind her, Miss Cornelia proceeded more or less to think out loud.

"Suppose," she said, "that the Bat, or whoever it was shut in there with you, killed Richard Fleming. Say that he is the one Lizzie saw coming in by the terrace door. Then he knew where the money was, for he went directly up the stairs. But that is two hours ago or more. Why didn't he get the money, if it was here, and get away?"

"He may have had trouble with the combination."

"Perhaps. Anyhow, he was on the small staircase when Dick Fleming started up, and of course he shot him. That's clear enough. Then he finally got the safe open, after locking us in below, and my coming up interrupted him. How on earth did he get out on the roof?"

Bailey glanced out the window. "It would be possible from here, possibly, but not easy."

"But, if he could do that," she persisted, "he could have got away, too. There are trellises and porches. Instead of that he came back here, to this room." She stared at the window. "Could a man have done that with one hand?"

"Never in the world."

Saying nothing, but deeply thoughtful, Miss Cornelia made a fresh progress around the room.

"I know very little about bank currency," she said, finally. "Could such



How on Earth Did He Get Out on the Roof?

a sum as was looted from the Union bank be carried away in a man's pocket?"

Bailey considered the question.

"Even in bills of large denomination—it would make a pretty sizable bundle," he said.

But that Miss Cornelia's deductions were correct, whatever they were, was in question when Lizzie returned with the elderberry wine. Apparently Miss Cornelia was to be like the man who repaired the clock: she still had certain things left over.

For Lizzie announced that the Unknown was ranging the second floor hall. From the time they had escaped

from the living room this man had not been seen or thought of, but that he was a part of the mystery there could be no doubt. It flashed over Miss Cornelia that, although he could not possibly have locked them in, in the darkness that followed he could easily have fastened the bat to the door. For the first time it occurred to her that the arch-mriminal might not be working alone, and that the entrance of the Unknown might have been a carefully devised ruse to draw them all together and hold them there.

Nor was Beresford's arrival with the statement that the Unknown was moving through the house below particularly comforting.

"He may be dazed, or he may not," he said. "Personally, this is not a time to trust anybody."

Beresford knew nothing of what had just occurred, and now seeing Bailey he favored him with an ugly glance.

"In the absence of Anderson, Bailey," he added, "I don't propose to trust you too far. I'm making it my business now on to see that you don't try to get away. Get that?"

But Bailey heard him without particular resentment.

"All right," he said. "But I'll tell you this. Anderson is here and has arrested the doctor. Keep your eye on me, if you think it's your duty, but don't talk to me as if I were a criminal. You don't know that yet."

"The doctor!" Beresford gasped. But Miss Cornelia's keen ears had heard a sound outside, and her eyes were focused on the door.

"That door-knob is moving," she said, in a hushed voice.

Beresford moved to the door and jerked it violently open.

The butler, Billy, almost pitched into the room.

CHAPTER XI

The Bat Still Flies.

He stepped back in the doorway, looked out, then turned to them again. "I come in, please?" he said pathetically, his hands quivering. "I not like to stay in dark."

Miss Cornelia took pity on him.

"Come in, Billy, of course. What is it? Anything the matter?"

Billy glanced about nervously.

"Man with sore head."

"What about him?"

"Act very strange." Again Billy's slim hands trembled.

Beresford broke in. "The man who fell into the room downstairs?"

Billy nodded.

"Yes. On second floor, walking around."

Beresford smiled, a bit smugly.

"I told you!" he said to Miss Cornelia. "I didn't think he was as dazed as he pretended to be."

Miss Cornelia, too, had been pondering the problem of the Unknown. She reached a swift decision. If he were what he pretended to be—a dazed wanderer—he could do them no harm. If he were not—a little strategy the properly employed might unravel the whole mystery.

"Bring him up here, Billy," she said, turning to the butler.

Billy started to obey. But the darkness of the corridor seemed to appall him anew, the moment he took a step toward it.

"You give candle, please?" he asked, with a pleading expression. "Don't like dark."

Miss Cornelia handed him one of the two precious candles. Then his present terror reminded her of that one other occasion when she had seen him lose completely his stoic oriental calm.

"Billy," she queried, "what did you see when you came running down the stairs before we were locked in, down below?"

But Billy only backed toward the door, smiling apologetically.

"Thought I saw ghost," he said, and went out and down the stairs, the candle-light flickering, growing fainter and finally disappearing. Silence and eerie darkness enveloped them all as they waited. And suddenly out of the blackness came a sound.

Something was flapping and thumping around the room.

"That's d—d odd!" muttered Beresford uneasily. "There is something moving around the room."

The next instant Bailey gave a triumphant cry.

"I've got it! It's a bat!"

Lizzie sank to her knees, still moaning, and Bailey carried the cause of the trouble over to the window and threw it out.

But the result of the absurd incident was a further destruction of their morale. Even Beresford, so far calm with the quiet of the virtuous onlooker, was now pallid in the light of the matches they successively lighted. And onto this strained situation came at last Billy and the Unknown.

The Unknown still wore his air of bewilderment, true or feigned, but at least he was now able to walk without support.

"Come in," began Miss Cornelia.

"Sit down." He obeyed both commands docilely enough.

"Are you better now?"

"Somewhat." His words still came very slowly.

Bailey watched Billy, suspicion in his eyes. He could not account for the butler's inexplicable terror of being left alone.

"Anderson intimated that the doctor had an accomplice in this house," he said, now, crossing to Billy and taking him by the arm. "Why isn't this the man?" Billy cringed away. "Please, no," he begged pitifully.

Bailey remained unconvinced.

"Who did you see at the head of the small staircase?" he queried, imperatively. "Now we're through with nonsense—I want the truth!"

Billy shivered.

"See face—that's all," he brought out at last.

"Whose face?"

Again it was evident that Billy knew or thought he knew more than he was willing to tell.

"Don't know," he said, with obvious untruth, looking down at the floor.

"Never mind, Billy," cut in Miss Cornelia. To her mind questioning Billy was wasting time. She looked at the Unknown.

"Solve the mystery of this man and we may get at the facts," she said in accents of conviction.

Beresford raised the candle so that it cast its light full in the Unknown's face.

"This chap claims to have lost his memory," he said dubiously. "I suppose a blow on the head might do that—I don't know."

"Don't you even know your name?" queried Miss Cornelia of the Unknown.

The Unknown shook his head with a slow, laborious gesture.

"Not—yet."

"Or where you came from?"

Once more the battered head made its movement of negation.

"Do you remember how you got in this house?"

The Unknown made an effort.

"Yes—I—remember—that—all-right—" he said, apparently undergoing an enormous strain in order to make himself speak at all. He put his hand to his head.

Miss Cornelia was at a loss. If this were acting, it was at least fine acting.

"How did you happen to come to this house?" she persisted, her voice unconsciously tuning itself to the slow, laborious speech of the Unknown.

"Saw—the—lights."

Bailey broke in with a question.

"Where were you when you saw the lights?"

The Unknown wet his lips with his tongue, painfully.

"I—broke—out—of—the—garage," he said at length.

This was unexpected. A general movement of interest ran over the party.

"How did you get there?" Beresford took his turn as questioner.

The Unknown shook his head, so slowly and deliberately that Miss Cornelia's fingers itched to shake him, in spite of his injuries.

"I—don't—know."

"Did you ring the house phone?" insisted Miss Cornelia.

The Unknown nodded.

"Yes."

Miss Cornelia and Bailey gave each other a look of wonderment.

"I—leaned—against—the button—in the garage—" he went on. "Then—I think—maybe I—fainted. That's—not clear."

Dale rose, and came over to him, with a sympathetic movement of her hand.

"You don't remember how you were hurt?" she asked gently.

The Unknown stared ahead of him, his eyes filming, as if he were trying to puzzle it out.

"No," he said at last. "The first thing I remember—I was in the garage—tied." He moved his lips. "I was gagged—too—that's—what's the matter—with my tongue—now—Then—I got myself—free—and—got out—a window—"

Miss Cornelia made a movement to question him further. Beresford stopped her with his hand uplifted.

"Just a moment, Miss Van Gorder. Anderson ought to know of this."

He started for the door without perceiving the flash of keen intelligence and alertness that had lit the Unknown's countenance for an instant, as once before, at the mention of the detective's name. But just as he reached the door the detective entered.

He halted for a moment, staring at the strange figure of the Unknown.

"A new element in our mystery, Mr. Anderson," said Miss Cornelia, remembering that the detective might not have heard of the mysterious stranger before—as he had been locked in the billiard room when the latter had made his queer entrance.

The detective and the Unknown gazed at each other for a moment—the Unknown with his old expression of vacant stupidity.

"Quite dazed, poor fellow," Miss Cornelia went on.

Beresford added other words of explanation.

"He doesn't remember what happened to him. Curious, isn't it?"

The detective still seemed puzzled.

"How did he get into the house?"

"He came through the terrace door some time ago," answered Miss Cornelia. "Just before we were locked in."

Her answer seemed to solve the problem to Anderson's satisfaction.

"Doesn't remember anything, eh?" he said dryly. He crossed over to the mysterious stranger and put his hand under the Unknown's chin, jerking his head up roughly.

"Look up here!" he commanded.

The Unknown stared at him for an instant with blank, vacuous eyes. Then his head dropped back upon his breast again.

"And I'd run, if my legs would!" Lizzie despaired.

"Hush!" said Dale, her ears strained for sounds of conflict.

Miss Cornelia re-entered cautiously, with her candle, closing the door gently behind her as she came.

"What did you see?" gasped Dale.

Miss Cornelia smiled broadly.

"I didn't see anything," she admitted with the greatest calm. "I had to go to the room before I assassinated him."

"Nobody went through the skylight?"

said Dale incredulously.

"They have now," answered Miss Corn

Chic Small Hats, Dainty Footwear

Innovations in Chapeau Trimmings; Shoes Are More Elaborate.

Milliners in recent seasons have been under a handicap, for while their workers struggled for new and more elaborate designs, women have clung tenaciously to the simple, unadorned cloche, which could not be turned into anything more graciously feminine by any flight of imagination. The best that has been possible, observes a fashion writer in the *New York Times*, has been to vary it slightly in models that suggest the headgear of aviators, racing motorists, jockeys and yachtsmen—shapes that belong to sportsmen, but not to women of fashion. The cause is the demand for personal comfort, for the soft, featherweight hat that fits gently the contour of the head has been very satisfactory for wear with bobbed hair.

The milliner has found it necessary to use diplomacy as well as creative art in luring his complacent clientele away from this new easy style. So the cloche, the vagabond, or whatever may be the variant of a close felt hat with an unwieldy brim, has been evolved through several stages of needlecraft—through tucking, wrinkling, folding and plaiting. But the more formal hat has now placed the informal cloche in its original class as part of the sports costume—and only the most skillful manipulation of details makes it suitable for a dresser appearance. The old foundation, a softly clinging shape, remains, but clever workmanship has worked the material into lines that suit every type of face and complement every style of dress.

Brims Not in Majority.

Few of the season's shapes are built to show the hair about the brow and temples, and fewer still have anything more than an apology for a brim. The trimming is moved forward this season to cover one or both ears with the material of the hat, a loop of ribbon or flat feather—a move that is mostly becoming to young faces.

Among the designs inspired by Parisian milliners is one from Marie Alphonse, a toque made of black felt. The material is arranged to form an irregular headline, crossing over one side of the forehead, and a large bow is fastened with a silver ring over one ear. This same artist makes a rather more tailored hat of brown cloth in which the brim in front turns directly back, empire fashion, and flares over the ears. It is trimmed with a bow of the same cloth at one side of the back. A slightly roguish model is presented by Agnes. It is a dark blue felt with long, pointed tabs like ears standing up in front. The crown is cut short across the brow and the brim extends in a flare at the sides and across the back.

The halo effect which came into popularity last season is still used effectively in several new designs, though varied in lines. A band of bias-cut felt is added, which emphasizes the contour. In one of the latest models from Marie Alphonse this line is made circular and is formed by the brim. The hat turns back from the face, fitting closely at one side and flaring at the other. It has a softly draped, rather high crown, and to this the brim is caught in front with a silver ornament and two ribbon ends.

Reboux achieves a startling creation in a hat made of gray felt. The crown is rather high, and the brim,



Several Attractive Hats Made in the New Winter Styles.

which is cut to turn back from the head at the sides and back, is twisted across the forehead and has one end turned up at one side.

Berets Novelty of Season.

Berets are the novelty of the season. These, like the felt vagabond, are adaptations of extremes, which fit a few wearers but are incongruous to many. The conventional halo is no further removed from the cowboy slouch than the swagger beret is from the tam of the apache, but the latter has caught the fancy of the moment and is all the rage. The usual

model is done in black velvet and is ample enough to fit becomingly the head of a woman of almost any age. In the more youthful shapes it is left loose and floppy to droop at one side or at the back.

Some of the French milliners are making the beret with very long full crowns, which are draped about the head and back of the neck. One prominent designer has made her beret of duvetyne, which is stitched to hold the folds in regular lines toward one side. Another makes a beret with the crown gathered very full to the band about the head. The slope of the goods—which in this model is black hatters' plush—is from the top of the crown, where the material is held with an ornament of crystal and onyx. The style of hat, which is of bohemian origin, is given dignity in the conventional mode of the season by the use of handsome materials, trimmings, ornaments and a general toning down in lines. Most of the berets are made in black, but several charming models are shown in green and in purple velvet and duvetyne.

In the materials for hats the favorite this season is velvet, which is being used by all of the milliners not only for the more elaborate styles



Shoes Respond to the Demand for More Showy Decoration.

but for the simple everyday type. In response to a long and earnest appeal the champions of a more feminine feeling in all dress are seeing softer, more flattering shapes come back in millinery. This is due largely to the use of velvet. No hat, however, severely tailored the model, can be wholly unbecoming if it is done in velvet.

Fashions in Footwear.

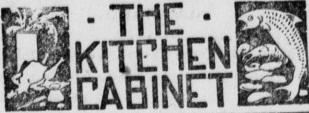
The latest change in fashions in footwear, though radical and definite, has come about so gradually that it is not easily appreciated. The impossible of a few years ago has become not only possible but approved, and the most extravagant styles have come to be conventional. The swing from a matter-of-fact style to one that is theatrical by contrast brought out many extremes in form and color. These were less acceptable to women of taste than the more quiet modes which are now being shown in shoes for both daytime and evening wear.

Sports shoes are in a class by themselves. They are stout, common-sense boots and oxfords that serve for hiking, for country and wintry-weather town wear. They are all of the practical faced model, made of black, tan and brown leathers.

There are several novelties that answer storm requirements. The latest galoshes are high and trim and are to be had in colors as well as in black. A new shape, in rubbers, modeled after the Russian boot, is very chic and picturesque. It is seen in black, with scarlet, green or white tops, and also with these color combinations reversed. Regular rubbers coming from Paris are made in jade green, red, gray or blue.

For daytime street dress the strap sandal or colonial is worn, and is made of patent leather, the heavier reptile skins or suede. Black is very fashionable at the moment and is bringing in black hosiery to supersede the light colors and "nude" shades. One of the smartest among the new models is a one-strap shoe of heavy black alligator hide. Another is a colonial shape, which has a high tongue and is finished with a large buckle made of suede and patent kid combined in tiny stripes.

For sheer beauty the latest things in evening shoes quite eclipse any of the fashions shown before. There have never been as many different materials suitable for dainty footwear. Among them this season are satins, kid, brocade, velvet lame, petticoat and suede of the quality of fine gloves. The new opalescent kid slippers are so colorful in themselves that they are seldom ornamented. The transparent velvets in the most delicate shades are either without buckles, and sometimes jewel-studded trimming or have beautiful jeweled heels. Most of the elaborate ornaments for evening slippers, however are shown in plain satin or metal cloth.



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Beauty mingled with invention, founded on the observation of nature, is the mainspring of decorative design. If it is not beautiful, it has no right to exist; if not founded on the observation of nature, it can hardly be either beautiful or inventive. It is apt to become merely strange and monstrous when it departs from nature.—William Morris.

APPROPRIATE GOOD THINGS

When serving fish a nice croquette which will add to the course is:



Hominy and Horseradish.
Take one-fourth of a cupful of macaroni, steam it until tender, add one-half tea-spoonful of salt, three-fourths of a

cupful of scalded milk and cook until it is absorbed. Add two tablespoonsfuls of butter, three and one-half tea-spoonfuls of grated horseradish root.

Mix well and put away to cool. Shape as desired and dip into crumbs—egg and crumbs again. Fry in deep fat, drain on brown paper.

A nice sandwich to serve with fish for luncheon or a supper dish is prepared thus: Cut the crusts from bread and spread with horseradish butter. To make this, cream six table-spoonfuls of butter and add gradually four table-spoonfuls of grated horseradish, one teaspoonful of lemon juice and salt and cayenne to taste.

Indian Tapioca Pudding.—Soak five table-spoonfuls of pearl tapioca two hours in cold water to cover. Pour four cupfuls of scalded milk over four table-spoonfuls of cornmeal and cook in a double boiler until the mixture thickens. Add the tapioca drained, and three-fourths of a cupful of molasses, three table-spoonfuls of butter, one and one-half tea-spoonfuls of salt.

Turn into a buttered dish and cover with one cupful of cold milk. Do not stir. Bake one and one-fourth hours in a moderate oven.

Baked Crumbed Potatoes.—Force hot boiled potatoes through a ricer; to three and one-half cupfuls of potatoes add three table-spoonfuls of butter, one and one-half tea-spoonfuls of salt and one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper. Add two-thirds of a cupful of hot milk and beat the potatoes vigorously. Turn into a buttered baking dish, pour over one-half cupful of heavy cream, sprinkle with well-buttered crumbs and bake until brown.

Rhubarb Raisin Pudding.—The fresh or canned rhubarb may be used for this recipe: Sprinkle with sugar to sweeten and let stand an hour or so if the fresh rhubarb is used. Mix one pint of crumbs with two table-spoonfuls of melted butter and one cupful of chopped raisins. Put into the pudding dish in layers of rhubarb, raisins and crumbs; finish the top with buttered crumbs. Serve with a hard or liquid sauce, using some of the fruit juice if desired.

Food for Occasions.

A delightful little dainty which may be served as a luncheon dish is:



Ham Canape.—Mix one-fourth cupful of deviled ham or chopped boiled ham seasoned with mustard, tabasco, kitchen bouquet, and a little tomato sauce. Spread the mixture on diamonds of hot buttered toast, cover with grated cheese, then with buttered crumbs; brown in a hot oven and serve hot.

Liver Canapes.—Simmer half a pound of liver until tender enough to be pierced with a straw. Put it through the meat chopper twice, rejecting all the stringy portions. Rub to a paste with a fork, season with one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, a table-spoonful of melted butter and pepper and celery salt to taste. Add enough seasoned tomato sauce to make of the consistency of mayonnaise. Spread on finger strips of rye bread sautéed in butter and garnish with sliced stuffed olives.

Honey Sandwiches.—Remove the brown skin from Brazil nuts and chop them as fine as possible, adding a few grains of salt; mix to a paste with honey. Spread on rounds of buttered bread, cover with a slice from which a small round or star-shaped center is removed. Garnish each center with a maraschino cherry.

Peanut Sandwiches.—Crush freshly roasted peanuts with a rolling pin, salt lightly and mix to a paste with whipped cream. Spread on buttered whole wheat bread and garnish with three steamed raisins arranged in the form of a three-leaf clover. The raisins are steamed by putting them in a sieve over the top of the teakettle, covering the strainer with the teakettle cover.

Mexican Melange.—Cook one chopped sweet pepper in two table-spoonfuls of fat left from salt pork or sausages. When well cooked add one pint of canned tomatoes, one pint of canned corn, one tea-spoonful of salt, the same of grated onion and a generous dash of cayenne pepper. Simmer eight minutes and thicken slightly with a table-spoonful of flour mixed with a little water. Serve with sausage or bacon.

With all kinds of fruit, jellies, preserves, pickles and conserves which the farm wife delights to put up there will always be the dainty accessories which add much to the table, and also variety.

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Buying Groceries at Duarte's 52 weeks in 1928, profiting by our specials and our regular low prices, will mean that you can save a substantial sum that will provide many other necessities or luxuries for you and yours.

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Tomato Sauce, 6 cans	25c
Butter, fresh creamery, always good..... lb.	53c
Dodge Fancy Prunes, large size, 2 lb. pkg	23c
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White King Washing Powder	37c	Clorax, best for Bleaching	12c
Limit 2.		Limit 2	

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FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLE DEPT.	
Make a resolution for 1928 to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables and you sure will enjoy better health.	
Fancy Los Angeles lettuce, 2 heads.....	15c
Crisp and tender	
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Potatoes, fancy Nevada Gems 10 lbs.....	25c
20 lbs.....	45c
Celery, from Sacramento river,	7½ to 10c
each	
Oranges, fancy Sunkist, medium size, per doz.	39c

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
CALIFORNIA

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, California, at his office until Tuesday, January 3rd, 1928, at 10:30 o'clock A.M. (the date when said bids will be opened and said contract awarded) for the construction of rock shoulders on County Road known as Alvarado, Centerville Road, from Alvarado to County Road No. 520 all in Washington Road District, Washington Township, Alameda County, California.

Plans and specifications for said work are on file in the office of the County Clerk of Alameda County in the Hall of Records Building in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, where copies may be obtained, by depositing with the County Clerk the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

Contractors will be restricted as to the length of time they may retain said plans and specifications to Fifteen (15) days.

Deposits of Contractors failing to return said plans and specifications within said fifteen (15) day period, will immediately become forfeited to the County of Alameda.

Each bid must be accompanied by a check for at least ten (10) percent of the total amount of the bid or proposal, certified to by some responsible bank and made payable to Geo. E. Gross, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, to be forfeited to the County of Alameda, as agreed and liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the said contract shall be awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award or give the bond required by the Board for the faithful performance of the contract.

The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Dated December 12th, 1927
GEORGE E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors of Alameda County.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs Chittenden spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Oakland.

Mrs. Emma Miller and daughter of Oakland were Sunday visitors at the L. Richards home in Niles.

Mrs Cecelia Frates and daughter, Lucille, spent New Year's day in Oakland with Mrs. McQuade.

Mrs Mary Barnard spent the week end with her son and daughter of Berkeley.

Mrs L. A. Stoops spent New Year's and the week end at the home of her son, Mr. C. E. Stoops of Alameda.

Mrs. Alma Huntley and Mrs. C. F. Foster spent Thursday and Friday of last week in San Francisco. They also spent a part of Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Oakland and San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton entertained a few relatives and friends at a New Year's eve party at their home in Niles.

Mr and Mrs M. L. Fournier and children attended a family reunion at the home of Mrs Fournier's sister at Sutter Creek over New Year's day.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Godwin of San Francisco returned home Monday after spending the past two weeks at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Townsend of Niles.

C. D. Upson sustained a badly sprained right arm on Saturday when a car he was attempting to crank kicked back.

Mr and Mrs. J. Oliver entertained at a New Year's house party the following out of town guests: Mrs. Ralston and daughter and Mrs. Gerrick of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Little and Mr. and Mrs. Baker and two children of Oakland. The guests remained from New Year's eve until Monday evening. Mr and Mrs Tony Miller and son of Niles were also members of the party.

Mr and Mrs. A. C. Garcia and daughter, Miss Fern ushered in the New Year by entertaining a group of friends at a New Year's eve party. Dancing and a general good time were enjoyed until a late hour and an elaborate supper was served at midnight. Out of town guests included Mr and Mrs. Manuel Garcia, Mr and Mrs. Joe Garcia, Frank Garcia and Miss Elizabeth Nunes of San Francisco. Mr and Mrs. M. E. Duarte, Mr and Mrs. A. B. Moore, Frank Duarte and Marion Jacob of Niles were also in attendance.

NILES PIONEERS

HOLD REUNION

A reunion of the Chris Keller family was held on Christmas day at their home here. Mrs. Keller served a very delicious dinner to the 20 members of the family. Among those present was the family of Mr. Keller's brother, Alfred Keller.

WANT ADS
FOR SALE. Windmill with tower; also 1 1/2 h.p. gasoline engine. Phone Elmhurst 3180. Enquire Seminary Furniture Store, 5904 Fortune Way, Oakland.

FOR SALE Cottage and large lot in Niles. For sale cheap, \$1250.00, terms. Must be sold at once. J. A. Silva. 41tf

WANTED Girl for general housework. Phone Centerville 151 or write P. O. Box 16, Centerville. 41tf

FOR SALE — Columbia Grafonola, \$115 Machine, \$40, including records. Inquire of A. B. Moore at Duarte's Store.

FOR SALE Cottage, 3 rooms, bath, large lot. A bargain. J. A. Silva.

HORSES BOUGHT AND SOLD We are in the market for live chicken feed horses at highest prices. We remove dead horses and cows immediately upon notification. We buy and sell all kinds of live stock at highest prices. Pimentel Bros. Phone Niles 132

MINT Barber Shop
J. D. FERRY
Shingling Bobbing
Children's Haircutting, 35c.

ALVARADO

Miss Beatrice Van Vleet visited her mother in Alvarado during the holidays. She is at present studying in the San Jose Hospital from which she will graduate in February. Miss Van Vleet is planning to remain at the Hospital after graduation.

Miss Celeste Bunker of the Niles schools, is spending this week with Mrs. Young and Mrs. Robie.

Mr. and Mrs. August May entertained a large party of relatives and friends at their home Sunday January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robie entertained at a family dinner New Years day, and several of the guests remained over for a few days. Members of the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Robie and family of Crockett, the F. A. Mueller family of Newark, Mrs. Robie's sister, Mrs. Forbes of Berkeley and Wm. Robinson of Los Angeles and his bride, Mrs. Robie's grand-daughter.

The Alvarado P. T. A. will hold the first meeting for 1928 Monday evening, according to Mrs. W. S. Robie, President. The spring campaign and plans will be outlined at this meeting.

NEWARK

Wm. Robinson, who spent the holidays visiting relatives here, left Sunday for Los Angeles. Mrs. Robinson accompanied him and will also make her future home in Los Angeles.

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Since January 1, 1928, all Mutual Ice Cream is being made with pure fruits and fruit flavors and certified colors approved by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Now you can insist on pure fruit ice cream.

MUTUAL SAVINGS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT THE NILES MUTUAL STORE

FREE

One Wear-ever Aluminum Sauce Pan with purchase of two packages S O S Clean ser at this special price. 2 packages **39c**

CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP (limit 10) 10 for **35c**

MUTUAL TOILET TISSUE, (limit 6) per roll **5c**

H-O OATS, Small pkg 2 for **25c** large pkg. **33c**

STRING BEANS, No. 2 can 2 for **25c** Orinda or Piedmont brand, Lake county beans.

Tender kernels, fancy corn, S & W CORN large can **17c**

KLAMATH SALAD FRUITS, each **10c** Ready to serve. Buffet size can.

POTATOES

Specially selected

Klamath Gems, 8 lbs

18c

SWEET POTATOS

Best grade from Turlock district,

5 lbs.

23c

VEGETABLES, beets, carrots, turnips, 2 bunches **5c**

GRAPEFRUIT, each **7c** Large, sweet Imperial valley.

BARTLETT PEARS per lb. **10c** Lake county's finest

APPLES, Pippins or Rome beauties, per lb. **5c**

CHESTERFIELD CIGARETTES \$1.19 per carton of 200

Mutual Ice Cream, pint brick **15c** quart brick **25c**

WALNUT LOAF CAKE

walnuts baked in

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MOCHA LAYER CAKE

Sponge cake, mocha filling and icing.

SPECIAL,

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